

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-68 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24, 27-52, and 55-68 are allowed. Claims 25, 26, 53, and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,796,876 to Wang et al. (herein "Wang") and further in view of U.S. patent 4,599,656 to Bellinghausen and U.S. patent 5,313,533 to Scott.

Initially, applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowed claims.

Addressing the above-noted rejection to claims 25, 26, 53, and 54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wang in view of Bellinghausen and Scott, that rejection is traversed by the present response.

Applicants initially note that each of independent claims 25 and 53 is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, independent claim 25 now further recites "an interpolation block setting unit which sets interpolation blocks which cover an image area extending over two or more adjacent screens from among the screens created by said screen division unit". Such a feature is also recited in allowed independent claim 27. Independent claim 53 is similarly amended to recite a corresponding feature, and such as is also recited in allowed independent claim 55.

Applicants respectfully submit that none of the applied art to Wang, Bellinghausen, or Scott teach or suggest the claimed "interpolation block setting unit" or "interpolation block setting step" now recited in independent claims 25 and 53, and as similarly recited in allowed independent claims 27 and 55. Thus, amended independent claims 25 and 53 are believed to also be allowable, for similar reasons that claims 27 and 55 are allowed.

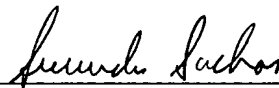
Further, as the presently submitted amendments set forth features already considered in the allowed claims, applicants believe that the presently submitted amendments do not raise any issues that would preclude their entry subsequent to the outstanding final rejection.

In such ways, applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims are allowable.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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